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Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean

Regional ECLAC/UNEP Meeting of Experts on the
Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their
Disposal, and the Implementation on
the Basel Convention.

Santiago, Chile 9 - 13 August 1993

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Election of Officers.
2. Adoption of the provisional agenda.
3. General introduction to the waste management policies in the region. Urban, industrial and hazardous wastes. Scientific, technological, economic, legal, political and health aspects. Clean production initiatives and the changing of production patterns in the region. The precautionary and "polluter pays" principles. The transport of hazardous wastes to and within the region, including that aimed at recycling. The illegal traffic.
4. Regional policies on imports/exports of hazardous wastes. Subregional initiatives on the transport and disposal of hazardous wastes: the Caribbean; South-East Pacific and Central America. Agreement in other developing regions.
5. National experiences on the management of hazardous wastes.

6. The Basel Convention on the control of the transboundary movements of hazardous wastes and their disposal. Scope and objectives; rights and duties; challenges for its parties. Activities linked to the Convention and to the mandate of the first Conference of the parties.
7. Experiences of developed countries on the accountability of national movements of hazardous wastes, and on the training of customs officers for the identification of hazardous products and wastes.
8. The hazardous products. The potentially toxic chemicals. The London rules and the prior informed consent.
9. The environmentally sound management of hazardous products and wastes in Agenda 21; the responsibilities of the United Nations System at the international and regional level, according to chapters 37 and 38 of Agenda 21. The fulfillment of General Assembly resolution A/44/226 Traffic in and disposal, control and transboundary movements of toxic and dangerous products and wastes.
10. Formulation of recommendations on possible future cooperation activities among ECLAC, UNEP and the rest of UN System for the best implementation of relevant chapters of Agenda 21 and of resolution A/44/226.
11. Adoption of the preliminary report.